

Using 2000 Census Data

PURPOSE: To clarify the use of CACFP 2000 census data.

SCOPE: Sponsors of family day care homes participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

DESCRIPTION: The Census Bureau has completed the special tabulation of the 2000 census data for use within the CACFP. The information is at the Census "Block Group" (CBG) level that clearly identifies the "pockets of poverty" that the legislation intended.

The criteria included in this special census tabulation included the 2000 income eligibility guidelines, the total number of children 12 years or younger within a CBG, and of those children, the total number at or below 185% of poverty. One of the more critical pieces of information is the calculated percentage—the percentage of children 12 years of younger at or below 185% of poverty compared to the total number of children 12 years of younger.

Data for every CBG in Indiana has been provided via e-mail. Day care home providers located in CBGs in which 50 percent or more of children 12 years of age and younger live in households at or below 185% of the poverty level are eligible to participate in the CACFP as tier I homes based on the 2000 census data. The percentage is shown in column 7 of the data provided.

Effective immediately, sponsoring organizations **MUST** use the 2000 census data for Tier I determinations. It is highly recommended that sponsors obtain and print maps of eligible CBGs for reference and outreach purposes.

Sponsors must review **ALL** Tier I day care home providers determined as such based on the 1990 census data and make a new determination using all methods available, school data, 2000 census data, and income eligibility. The review and classification must be completed by October 1, 2003.

If a day care home provider is currently classified as Tier II, but the CBG data demonstrates that the home is not Tier I, the sponsor may immediately change the status of that provider to Tier I and pay the higher rate of reimbursement for the current month and for future months. *There is no provision for retroactive reimbursement for the higher Tier I rates.*

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